AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

Pages 2-3, paragraph [0004a], please amend the specification as follows:

An invention according to Patent Document 5 (JP-A-2004-122856) is a vehicle passenger protection apparatus, and the passenger protection apparatus includes prediction means for predicting a crash and moving means for moving a vehicle seat to a predetermined position for protecting passenger based on a signal from the prediction means.

~~[Disclosure of the Invention]~~

~~[Problems that the Invention is to Solved]~~

Page 3, paragraph [0005a], please amend the specification as follows:

Under the circumstance, it is an object of the invention to provide an active headrest which will not over-push the head of a passenger.

~~[Means for Solving the Problems]~~ Summary of the Invention

Page 10, paragraph [0016], please amend the specification as follows:

~~[Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention]~~

~~(Embodiment 1)~~

~~Embodiment 1 will now be described according to Figs. 1 to 8.~~

Detailed Description of the Invention

As shown in Fig. 1, an active headrest 1 includes a headrest 20 and a pair of legs 38 protruding downward from a bottom surface of the headrest 20.

Page 20, paragraph [0034], please amend the specification as follows:

~~(Embodiment 2)~~

~~Embodiment 2~~ Another configuration of the present invention will be described in reference to Fig. 9. This [[is]] ~~configured~~ configuration is similar[[ly]] to the one shown in Fig. 8 ~~Embodiment 1~~. However, ~~Embodiment 2~~ Fig. 9 includes a head position detecting unit 13 ~~as shown in Fig. 9~~ instead of the head position detecting unit 11 shown in Fig. 8. ~~Embodiment 2~~ Fig. 9 will be described below, the description focusing on differences from Fig. 8 ~~Embodiment 1~~.

Page 26, paragraph [0044], please amend the specification as follows:

~~Embodiment 3 is configured substantially the same as Embodiment 1. However, Embodiment 3~~ Another configuration according to the present invention includes a camera mounted on the ceiling of a cabin and a head position detection unit having a measuring device for measuring the distance between the head of a passenger and a headrest based on a picture from the camera instead of the head position detecting unit 11 shown in Fig. 8.

Page 26, paragraph [0044a], please amend the specification as follows:

Th[[e]]is ~~embodiment has a~~ configuration includes ~~which~~ a control circuit, which stops the headrest based on a signal from the head position detection unit.

Page 26, paragraph [0045], please amend the specification as follows:

~~(Other Embodiments)~~

The present invention is not limited to ~~Embodiments 1 to 3~~ configurations described above and may be implemented in the following modes.

Pages 27-28, paragraph [0049], please amend the specification as follows:

~~(4) The headrests according to Embodiments 1 to 3 have a divided configuration including a front part and a rear part. Alternatively,~~ The present invention may incorporate an integral configuration ~~may be employed~~, in which a headrest includes a front part and a rear part integral with each other ~~similar to those in the headrest according to Patent Document 1~~ and in which the front part of the headrest is tilted (moved) along with the headrest as a whole.

Page 29, paragraph [0052], please amend the specification as follows:

(7) The invention may be configured as follows.

[["]]~~An active headrest,~~ The present invention may include a front part of the headrest being moved along with the headrest as a whole or away from a rear part of the headrest toward the head of a passenger based on a signal from a sensor for predicting or detecting a crash to the rear of the vehicle, characterized by including over-push prevention devices for adjusting the amount of movement of the front part of said headrest according to the position of the head of

said passenger to prevent the front part of said headrest thus moved from over-pushing the head of said passenger.[["]]

Pages 29-30, paragraph [0054], please amend the specification as follows:

~~(Claim B)~~

[["]]~~An active headrest as in Claim A, characterized in that the~~ The present invention may include an over-push prevention device[[s]] ~~is~~ configured to stop said front part in an abutting position in which the front part of the headrest abuts on the head of the passenger or in a rear position in which the distance of said front part to the head of said passenger is equal to or smaller than a predetermined value.[["]]

Page 30, paragraph [0056], please amend the specification as follows:

~~(Claim C)~~

[["]]~~An active headrest as in claim B, characterized in that the~~ The present invention may include an over-push prevention device ~~includes~~ having a head position detecting unit for detecting that the front part of the headrest has abutted on the head of the passenger or has approached to the same up to the near position and is configured to stop the front part of said headrest based on a detection signal from the head position detecting unit[["]].

Page 31, paragraph [0058], please amend the specification as follows:

~~(Claim D)~~

[["]]~~An active headrest as in claim C, characterized in that the~~ The present invention may include a head position detecting unit [[is]] provided in the front part of the headrest.[["]]

Pages 31-32, paragraph [0060], please amend the specification as follows:

~~(Claim E)~~

[["]]~~An active headrest as in claim D, characterized in that the~~ The present invention may include a head position detecting unit ~~includes~~ having a plurality of sensors and that the plurality of sensors are provided in a front region of the front part of the headrest in a dispersed manner.[["]]

Page 32, paragraph [0062], please amend the specification as follows:

~~(Claim F)~~

[["]]~~An active headrest according to any of Claims A to E, characterized by including~~ The present invention may include automatic retraction devices which automatically retracts said front part to the initial position that the front part assumed before the movement when the stop time of the front part of the headrest at the abutting position or the stop time of the same in the near position reaches a predetermined time or when a predetermined signal is received.[["]]